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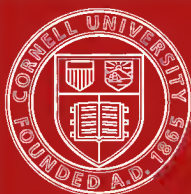


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(Medical Society of the State of New York

(CONSTITUTION

. ARTICLE I

(PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The purposes of the Society shall be to federate and bring into one compact organization the medical profession of the State of New York; to extend medical knowledge and advance medical science; to elevate the standard of medical education and to secure the enactment and enforcement of just medical laws; to promote friendly intercourse among physicians; to guard and foster the material interests of its members, and to protect them against imposition; and to enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to the great problems of State medicine.

. ARTICLE II

. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this Society shall include all members of the county medical societies now in affiliation with this Society, and all members of other county medical societies to which charters shall be granted by the House of Delegates pursuant to the By-Laws of this Society, and any member ceasing to be a member of a county medical society shall cease to be a member of this Society.

Sec. 2. The term county medical society as used in this Constitution shall be deemed to include all societies now in affiliation with this society or which may be organized and chartered by the House of Delegates.

Sec. 3. The membership of the Society shall be divided into eight district branches, as provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and one Councilor from each District Branch.. They shall be elected annually by ballot for the term of one year, except the Councilors, and the majority of the votes cast shall elect.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected by the House of Delegates. At the first election in the District Branch societies hereafter held, the Councilors for the First, Second, Third and Fourth District Branches shall be elected for the term of two years. The Councilors for the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth District Branches shall be elected for one year, and thereafter all Councilors shall be elected for the term of two years by the District Branch of the District in which they reside and shall be the respective Presidents thereof.*

Sec. 2. All officers and the elected members of the standing committees shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting of the Society.

Sec. 3. No delegate elected to the House of Delegates shall be a candidate for a general office in the Society until after the expiration of the term for which he shall have been elected a delegate, and no person shall be elected to any office in the Society who shall not have been a member of the Society for two years immediately preceding the date of his election.

*In effect 1914.

ARTICLE IV.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative body of the Society and shall be charged with the general management, superintendence and control of the Society and its affairs, and shall have such general powers as may be necessarily incident thereto. It shall have the power to suspend or otherwise discipline county societies. It shall be composed of the officers of the Society and of the chairmen of standing committees, who shall be ex-officio members thereof, and of the delegates elected to the House of Delegates by county societies in affiliation with the Society. Each county society shall be entitled to elect to the House of Delegates as many delegates as there shall be state assembly districts in that county at the time of the election; except that each county society shall be entitled to elect at least one delegate, and except that whenever at the time of election the membership of a county society shall include members from an adjoining county or counties in which there shall be no county society in affiliation with this Society, such county society shall be entitled to elect, from among such members, as many additional delegates as there are assembly districts in the county or counties so represented in its membership.

The House of Delegates may provide for a division of the scientific work of the Society into appropriate sections, and for the organization of the District Branches; and it shall have such additional powers and duties not inconsistent with this Constitution as the By-Laws may authorize or prescribe. It may adopt rules and regulations for its own government and for the administration of the affairs of the Society, not repugnant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; and it may delegate to the Council such

power and authority as may be necessary to the efficient administration of the affairs of the Society, while the House of Delegates shall not be in session.

ARTICLE V

COUNCIL

The Council shall be the executive body of the Society. It shall consist of the officers of the Society, except the Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer, and of the chairmen of standing committees. The retiring president shall be a member of the Council for one year after his term of office expires. The Council shall be the Finance Committee of the Society and shall have such additional powers and duties as the By-Laws may prescribe. It may adopt rules and regulations for its own government and for the administration of the affairs of the Society, within its control not repugnant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society or to the rules and regulations which may be adopted by the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section I. "The Medical Society of the State of New York may, from time to time, change the place and day of holding its annual meeting to such other place and day in the year as may be more convenient, by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the House of Delegates of said Society present at any anniversary or annual meeting of said Society, provided, that no such change shall be made unless notice of the intention to change the time and place of such annual meeting shall have been first given at a previous regular annual meeting. An entry in the minutes of said Society of notice of such intention to change the time and

place of the annual meeting, and an entry in such minutes of the vote taken upon any motion made pursuant to any such notice shall be prima facie evidence of such notice, motion, and the vote had thereon respectively." Chapter 213 of the laws of 1909.

Sec. 2. Intermediate stated meetings may be held at such time and place as the House of Delegates may appoint.

Sec. 3. The notices of the annual, regular and special meetings of the Medical Society of the State of New York, its House of Delegates, Council and Censors, shall state the date, place and hour, and shall be mailed in securely post-paid wrapper to each member, at least ten days before said meeting. The affidavit of mailing by the Secretary of the Society to the last recorded address of the member shall be deemed sufficient proof of the service of such notice upon each and every member for any and all purposes.

ARTICLE VII

FUNDS

Section 1. Funds shall be raised by an annual per capita assessment on each county society at a uniform per capita rate throughout the State. Funds may also be raised by voluntary contributions, by the sale of the publications of the Society, and in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates. No funds of the Society shall be appropriated for any purpose except by authority of a resolution of the Council, nor shall any indebtedness be incurred by officers, members of committees or members of the Society until the same shall have been approved by the Council.

Sec. 2. The State annual per capita assessment shall be \$3, and shall be collected by the county treasurers at the same time and as part of the county dues, and shall be re-

mitted to the State Treasurer by the treasurer of each county society on or before the first day of June of each year.

ARTICLE VIII

REFERENDUM

Section 1. At any annual or stated meeting of the Society a majority of the members present may order a general referendum on any question in accordance with such general regulations respecting the manner of submission as the House of Delegates may prescribe. Members of the Society may vote thereon by mail or by roll call in open meeting. The poll on the question shall be closed at the expiration of ten days after the general submission; and if the members voting shall comprise a majority of all the members of the Society, a majority of such vote shall determine the question and be binding on the House of Delegates.

Sec. 2. The House of Delegates may voluntarily, by the vote of a majority of its members present at any meeting, submit any question before it to a general referendum, as provided in the preceding section, and the result shall be binding on the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

No article of this Constitution shall be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any annual meeting, nor unless notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous annual meeting and shall have been published twice during the year in the official bulletin or journal of the Society, or sent by order of the House of Delegates to each county society in affiliation with the Society at least two months before the meeting at which final action shall be taken thereon.

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A copy of the roster of members of a county society, certified by the secretary of that society to be correct, shall be prima facie evidence of their right to membership in this Society; but the delegates of a county society which is in default in the payment of any dues or assessments imposed by the House of Delegates or by any county society which shall be under sentence of suspension imposed by the House of Delegates, shall not be entitled to sit in the House of Delegates during the continuance of such default or suspension; nor shall any person who is under sentence of suspension from a county society be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership in this Society during the period of his suspension.

RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 2. Members in good standing who are seventy years of age or over may, by a majority vote of the House of Delegates present and voting at any annual meeting, become retired members. Applicants for retired membership must be approved and endorsed by the President and Secretary of the County Society to which they belong, and the application must be sent to the Secretary of the State Society in time for presentation at the first meeting of the House of Delegates. Retired members shall be entitled to the privilege of attending and addressing the meetings of the Society, but shall not be accorded other rights or privileges of membership, nor be subject to assessments.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3. Honorary membership may be conferred upon distinguished physicians residing outside of the State of New York at any annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided the nomination has been made at a previous annual meeting. All such nominations must be endorsed by three members of the Society and forwarded to the Secretary in time for presentation at the first meeting of the House of Delegates. Honorary members shall be entitled to the privilege of attending and addressing the meetings of the Society, but shall not be accorded other rights or privileges of membership; nor be subject to assessments.

Honorary membership created by this section shall include the list of honorary members already enrolled.

CHAPTER II

MEETINGS

Section 1. Each member in attendance at the annual session of the Society shall enter his name and the name of his county society in the register to be kept by the Secretary of the Society for that purpose. No member shall take part in any of the proceedings at an annual session until he shall have complied with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. All registered members may attend and participate in the proceedings and discussions of the general meetings of the Society and of the sections.

Sec. 3. The following shall be the order of business at all general meetings of the Society:

1. Calling the Society to order.
2. Address of welcome by the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Reports of special committees.
5. Special addresses.
6. President's address.
7. Reading and discussion of papers
8. Miscellaneous business.

Sec. 4. Special meetings of the Society shall be called by the President upon the request of one hundred members; and in case of the failure, inability or refusal of the President to act, such meetings may be called by a notice thereof subscribed by one hundred members.

Sec. 5. Special meetings of the House of Delegates shall be called by the President upon the request of fifty delegates; and in case of the failure, inability or refusal of the President to act, such meetings may be called by a notice thereof subscribed by fifty delegates.

CHAPTER III

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 1. The House of Delegates shall meet annually on the day before the annual meeting of the Society. It may adjourn from time to time as may be necessary to complete its business, providing that its meetings shall conflict as little as possible with the annual meeting of the Society.

Sec. 2. Thirty delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The House of Delegates shall make careful inquiry into the condition of the profession in each county of the State, and shall have authority to adopt such methods and measures not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society as it may deem most efficient for building up and increasing the interest in such county societies as already exist; for organizing the profession in counties where societies do not exist; for organizing district branches

and for protecting the members of the Society against suits for alleged malpractice.

Sec. 4. It shall elect delegates to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of that body, and it may elect or appoint such other delegates as in its judgment the interests of the Society may require, and it shall provide for the issue of credentials to all delegates.

Sec. 5. It shall upon application provide for the issue of charters to county societies in affiliation with the Society, and it shall hear and finally determine all appeals taken from decisions of the Board of Censors.

Sec. 6. It shall have authority to appoint committees for special purposes from among members of the Society. Such committees shall report to the House of Delegates, and may be present at and participate in the debates on their reports.

Sec. 7. It shall have authority to organize the physicians of two or more sparsely settled and adjoining counties into societies to be suitably designated so as to distinguish them from District Branches; and the societies so organized shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of county societies and the members thereof to the rights and privileges of members of county societies.

Sec. 8. The following shall be the order of business at the meetings of the House of Delegates:

1. Calling the meeting to order.
2. Roll call by the Secretary.
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Report of the President.
5. Report of the Council.
6. Report of the Secretary.
7. Report of the Treasurer.
8. Reports of standing committees.

9. Reports of special committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.

Sec. 9. The officers and committees of the Society to be elected by the House of Delegates shall be elected at an adjournment of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, which adjourned meeting shall be held at a convenient hour on the first day of the annual meeting of the Society. No member shall be eligible for any office, or entitled to vote for any officer or delegate who is in arrears for county dues and State per capita assessment.

Sec. 10. Method of Holding Elections.—All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. In case no nominee receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest number of the votes shall be dropped and a new ballot taken. This procedure shall be continued until one of the nominees receives a majority of all the votes cast, when he shall be declared elected, but in case no delegates or alternate for the American Medical Association receives on the first ballot a majority of the votes, the nominees shall be declared elected in the order of the highest number of votes received, until the allotted number shall have been chosen. In case of a tie vote for delegate or alternate a new ballot shall be taken.

CHAPTER IV

COUNCIL

Section 1. The Council shall meet at the close of the annual session of the Society, to organize for the ensuing year.

It shall meet once during the months of May and December of each year, the time and place to be selected by

the President, and it shall meet at such other times as occasion may arise, upon the request in writing of five members of the Council, or upon the call of the President.

Sec. 2. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The Council shall provide for and superintend all publications and their distribution, and shall have authority to appoint an editor and such assistants as it may deem necessary. All moneys of the Society received by the Council shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Society. The Council shall audit the annual accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary and other agents of the Society, and present a statement of the same in its annual report to the House of Delegates. The report shall also specify the character and cost of all publications of the Society during the year, and the amount of all property belonging to the Society under its control. The Council shall be empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur in any elective or appointive office not otherwise provided for. The Council shall also have general supervision of all arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. The following shall be the order of business at meetings of the Council:

1. Calling the meeting to order.
2. Roll call by the Secretary.
3. Reading of minutes and communications from the Secretary.
4. Communications from the Treasurer.
5. Communications from the chairmen of standing committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.

CHAPTER V

CENSORS

Section 1. The President, Secretary and the district councilors shall be the Board of Censors of the Society, who shall hear and determine all appeals from the decisions of county societies which may involve the rights and standing of members whether in relation to one another, or to county societies, or to this Society. Five Censors shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Society, the House of Delegates, the Council and the Censors. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall deliver an address at the annual meeting of the Society, and he shall perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. He shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence the Vice-President, next in numerical order, shall perform his duties. In the event of the President's death, resignation, removal, incapacity or refusal to act, the Vice-President next in numerical order shall succeed him, and the other Vice-Presidents advanced in order.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society, the House of Delegates, the Council and the Censors, and shall keep minutes of their respective proceedings in separate records. He shall be the custodian of the seal of the Society, and of all books of record and papers belonging to the Society, except such as properly belong to the Treasurer, and shall keep an account of and promptly

turn over to the Treasurer all funds of the Society which come into his hands. He shall provide for the registration of the members at all sessions of the Society. With the aid and co-operation of the secretaries of the county societies, he shall keep a proper register of all the registered physicians of the State by counties. He shall aid the Councilors in the organization and improvement of the county societies and the extension of the power and influence of the Society. He shall conduct the official correspondence notifying members of meetings, officers of their election and committees of their appointment and duties. He shall affix the seal of the Society to all credentials issued to members of the Society elected or appointed by the House of Delegates and to such other papers and documents as may require the same. He shall make an annual report to the House of Delegates. He shall supply each county society with the necessary blanks for making their annual reports to this Society. Acting under the direction of the Committee on Scientific Work, he shall prepare and issue all programs. The amount of his salary shall be fixed by the Council. He shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees.

Sec. 3a. "The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary in the work of his office and in his absence or inability to act perform the duties of the latter until he shall resume his duties, or in case of a vacancy until a successor shall be appointed. When acting as Secretary he shall have all the rights and privileges of that office, not otherwise."

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate books of accounts of all moneys of the Society which he may receive, and shall disburse the same when duly authorized by the Council; but all checks drawn by the Treasurer upon the funds of the Society shall be countersigned by the President or by the Secretary of the Society. He shall give security for the faithful performance of his duties, which shall be

approved and placed in the custody of the President. He shall make an annual report to the House of Delegates. The Treasurer shall be a trustee of the Merrit H. Cash Fund, and Lucien Howe Fund, and each other special funds as may be established. His salary shall be fixed by the Council.

Sec. 4a. "The Assistant Treasurer shall aid the Treasurer in the work of his office, and in his absence or inability to act perform the duties of the latter until he shall resume his duties, or in case of a vacancy until a successor shall be appointed. When acting as Treasurer he shall have all the rights and privileges of that office, not otherwise."

Sec. 5. Each District Councilor shall visit the counties of his district at least once a year. He shall make an annual report of his work and of the condition of the profession in each county in his district at the annual session of the House of Delegates. The necessary traveling expenses incurred by each councilor in the line of his duties as herein defined may be allowed by the Council on a proper itemized statement; but this shall not be construed to include his expense in attending the annual session of the Society.

CHAPTER VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Classification of Committees. Committees shall be classified as (a) Standing Committees; (b) Reference Committees; (c) Special Committees.

Sec. 2. The following shall be the standing committees of the Society:

- A Committee on Scientific Work.
- A Committee on Legislation.
- A Committee on Public Health and Medical Education.
- A Committee on Arrangements.
- A Committee on Medical Research.
- A Committee on Medical Economics.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Scientific Work shall consist of the Chairman, a member to be appointed by the President of the Society and approved by the Council, and the Chairmen of the different sections. It shall hold meetings and prepare the necessary programs for the annual meeting of the Society and for such other special meetings as may be designated by the House of Delegates. It shall forward programs in ample time for publication, and not later than thirty days before the annual session shall send a completed program to the Secretary for the printing of the final program.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Legislation shall consist of three members, including the Chairman. It shall keep in touch with professional and public opinion. Under the direction of the House of Delegates it shall represent the society in procuring the enforcement of the medical laws of the State in the interest of public health and of scientific medicine, and in procuring the enactment of such medical laws as will best secure and promote the welfare of the whole people.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Public Health and Medical Education shall consist of nine members, including the Chairman. It shall report upon and present to the Society such subjects as may seem to the committee to be of special importance in their relation to the public health.

Sec. 6. The Committee on Arrangements shall consist of eight members, including the Chairman. It shall provide suitable accommodations for the meeting places of the

Society and of the House of Delegates, Council and Censors, and shall have general charge of the arrangements for all meetings. The Chairman of the committee shall report an outline of the arrangements to the Secretary for publication in the program, and shall make such additional announcements during the session as occasion may require.

Sec. 7. The Committee on Medical Research shall consist of the Chairman and one member for each 200 or fraction thereof, of the membership of the eight District Branches of the Medical Society of the State of New York. It shall adopt such measures as may be necessary, to instruct the public and the profession in the desirability of animal experimentation and shall use all honorable means to oppose such bills as may be presented to the Legislature with the view of limiting or restricting scientific progress. In legislative work it shall act in co-operation with the Committee on Legislation.

Sec. 8. The Committee on Medical Economics shall consist of five members, including the Chairman. It shall investigate all matters affecting the economic status of physicians and shall report annually to the House of Delegates such recommendations as may, in its judgment, seem proper.

Sec. 9. The Chairmen of all Standing Committees shall be elected by the House of Delegates, unless otherwise provided for in the By-Laws. The remaining members may be elected by the Council at the recommendation of their respective Chairman.

REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Sec 9. (a) Immediately after the organization of the House of Delegates at each annual session the President shall appoint from among the members present such committees as may be deemed expedient by the House of Dele-

gates. Each committee shall consist of five members, unless otherwise provided, to be appointed by the President. These committees shall serve during the session at which they are appointed.

(b) To the appropriate committee shall be referred resolutions, measures and propositions presented to the House of Delegates before final action shall be taken, unless otherwise unanimously ordered by the House of Delegates.

(c) Each reference committee shall, as soon as possible after the adjournment of each meeting, or during the meeting, if necessary, take up and consider such business as may have been referred to it, and shall report on the same at the next meeting, or when called on to do so. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Sec. 10. (a) Special Committees may be created by the House of Delegates to perform the special functions for which they are created. They shall be appointed by the officer presiding over the meeting at which the committee is authorized, unless otherwise ordered by the House of Delegates.

(b) The Committee on Prize Essays shall consist of three members including the Chairman. Its duty shall be to receive all essays offered in competition for prizes which may be offered by this Society.

The Committee shall make all necessary rules and regulations for the award of prizes subject to the terms of the deeds of gift, and shall report the result at the next annual meeting of the House of Delegates. They shall give notice through the Society's publications or by other methods within thirty days after their appointment, of the amount of the prize essays and when the essays shall be submitted to the Committee.

Members of the Committee on Prize Essays shall be elected by the House of Delegates for the term of two years.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Sec. 11. Any member of the Society shall be eligible to serve on Standing or Special Committees. All members of committees who are not members of the House of Delegates shall have the right to present their reports in person to the House of Delegates and to participate in the debate thereon, but shall not have the right to vote.

CHAPTER VIII

DISTRICT BRANCHES

Section 1. The First District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Bronx, New York, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess and Richmond.

The Second District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk.

The Third District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schcharie, Greene, Columbia, Ulster and Sullivan.

The Fourth District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Saratoga, Warren and Washington.

The Fifth District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Onondaga, Oneida, Herkimer, Oswego, Lewis, Madison and Jefferson.

The Sixth District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Otsego, Delaware, Chenango, Cortland, Tompkins, Schuyler, Chemung, Tioga, Broome and Steuben.

The Seventh District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Monroe, Wayne, Cayuga, Seneca, Yates, Ontario and Livingston.

The Eighth District Branch shall comprise the members of the medical societies of the Counties of Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua.

Sec. 2. Each District Branch shall elect a President, as directed in this Constitution and By-Laws, who shall be the Councilor for that Branch.

Sec. 3: Each District Branch shall elect such officers as are provided for in its By-Laws:

Sec. 4. Each District Branch may adopt a constitution and by-laws for its government, provided that the same shall first be approved by the Council of the Society:

CHAPTER IX.

SECTIONS.

Section 1: The Sections designated by the House of Delegates shall each annually elect a Chairman and Secretary provided that each Section may elect its Secretary to serve a longer time at its discretion.

Sec. 2: The Chairmen of the various sections shall be members of the Committee on Scientific Work.

Sec. 3: The election of officers of sections shall be the first order of business of the afternoon meeting of the second day of each annual session. To participate in the election of any section a member must be registered with such section and must have recorded his name and address in the Section registry.

Sec. 4. Each section shall hold its meetings at such times as designated by the Committee on Scientific Work.

CHAPTER X

COUNTY SOCIETIES

Section 1. County societies shall be organized as soon as practicable in every county of the State in which no county society exists, but there shall be but one county society in each county.

Sec. 2. Full and ample opportunity shall be given to every reputable physician to become a member of the society in the county in which he resides, and if there be no such society, then in the county society of an adjoining county.

Sec. 3. Whenever a member in good standing in any county medical society removes to another county in this State, his name, upon his request, shall be transferred to the roster of the county society of the county to which he removes, without cost to him.

Sec. 4. At its annual meeting each county society shall elect a delegate or delegates to represent it in the House of Delegates of this Society in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of each county society shall keep a roster of its members and of all other registered physicians of the county, in which shall be shown the full name of such physicians, with their addresses, the college from which they graduated, and the date of graduation, the date of their license to practice in this State, and such other information as may be deemed to be useful. In keeping such roster the Secretary shall note any changes in the personnel of the profession by death or by the removal to or from the county, and in making his annual report he shall account for every physician who shall have practiced in the county during the year.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of each county society shall forward a copy of its roster of officers and members, list of

delegates and list of other registered physicians of the county, to the Secretary of this Society thirty days before the date of its annual meeting.

Sec. 7. On or before the first day of June of each year the Treasurer of each county society shall forward to the Treasurer of this Society the amount of the State per capita assessment.

Sec. 8. Each county society may adopt a constitution and by-laws for the regulation of its affairs, provided that the same shall first be approved by the Council of this Society.

Sec. 9. The term county medical society as used in these By-Laws shall be deemed to include all societies now in affiliation with this Society or which may be organized and chartered by the House of Delegates.

· CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. No address or paper before the Society, except those of the President and orators, shall occupy more than twenty minutes in its delivery, and no member shall speak upon any question before the house for longer than five minutes nor more than once on any subject, except by consent.

Sec. 2. All papers read before the Society by its members shall become the property of the Society. Permission may be given, however, by the House of Delegates or the Committee on Publication to publish such paper in advance of its appearance in The New York State Journal of Medicine.

Sec. 3. Any distinguished physician of a foreign country or a physician not a resident of this State, who is a member of his own State Association, may become a guest

during any annual session upon the invitation of the President or officers of the Society, and may be accorded the privilege of participating in all the scientific work of the session.

Sec. 4. The deliberations of the Society shall be governed by parliamentary usage, as contained in Roberts' Rules of Order, when not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

CHAPTER XII

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws shall not be amended except by a majority vote of all the delegates present and voting at a meeting of the House of Delegates, nor unless ten days' notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendments shall have been given to each member of the House of Delegates.

Sec. 2. The Council of the Society may, between meetings of the House of Delegates, make such changes in these By-Laws as may be required to adapt them to the Laws of the State of New York or the United States or to resolutions of the Post Office or any Federal department. Such amendments must be approved at the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

